

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 452

By Jones

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mary Crowe and Lavita Hill on their efforts to restore the traditional Cherokee name of "Kuwohi" to Clingman's Dome in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those outstanding citizens who promote the diverse cultural influences of our great land and its history; and

WHEREAS, Mary Crowe and Lavita Hill, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, are two such persons who are working to restore the traditional Cherokee name of "Kuwohi" to the currently named Clingman's Dome in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and

WHEREAS, Clingman's Dome, the highest point in the national park, was originally renamed in 1859 for North Carolina Senator Thomas Clingman; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crowe and Ms. Hill have worked laboriously to return the original name of Kuwohi, which means "mulberry place," to this significant location in the region, in order that the long history of the Eastern Band of Cherokee be recognized and learned from; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' Tribal Council approved a resolution in July 2022 to express support of the name change; and

WHEREAS, Mary Crowe and Lavita Hill each received the Dogwood Award from North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein in recognition of their continued advocacy for their tribe and its cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crowe and Ms. Hill are testaments to the power of dedication and determination, and their laudable mission deserves to be acknowledged; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Mary Crowe and Lavita Hill on their efforts to restore the traditional Cherokee name of "Kuwohi" to Clingman's Dome in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.